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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KOKOY ROMUALDEZ

REF: STATE 74694

1. COUNTRY DIRECTOR LUNCHEDED WITH ROMUALDEZ APRIL 6. HE APPEARED NONE THE WORSE FOR HIS RECENT BRUSH WITH THE LAW AND TRIED TO PUT BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON SITUATION BY AS-SERTING THAT FACT THAT HE PROCURED HIS DOLLARS FROM UN-OFFICIAL SOURCES RATHER THAN THROWING HIS WEIGHT AROUND WITH THE CENTRAL BANK PROVED HIS PATRIOTISM. HE SAID HE HAS INSTRUCTED CENTRAL BANK TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL SURVEIL-LANCE ON MONEY COMING INTO PHILIPPINES FROM HONG KONG, FROM WHENCE THE COUNTERFEIT DOLLARS PRESUMABLY CAME.

2. STATING THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN KNOWN AS AN OPTIMIST, HE EXUDED COMPLETE OPTIMISM REGARDING OUTCOME OF APRIL 17
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REFERENDUM AND PERMANENCE OF SETTLEMENT WITH QADHAFI AND MNLF. INDICATING THAT LIBYANS HAD BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT DURING NEGOTIATIONS, HE ACKNOWLEDGED MNLF HAD TAKEN LITTLE PART IN SETTLEMENT BUT AVERRED THAT "GODFATHER" QADHAFI WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP MNLF UNDER CONTROL BY THREATENING TO:
(1) CUT OFF AID TO MUSLIMS AND, IF NECESSARY, (2) GIVE AID TO GOP INSTEAD. HE SAID LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER IS

SCHEDULED TO VISIT MANILA NEXT WEEK.

3. HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT VISITS BY CODEL WOLFF AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE WOULD OCCUR DURING PERIOD WHEN MARCOS WILL BE PREOCCUPIED WITH REFERENDUM AND RELATED MATTERS, AS WELL AS FORTHCOMING STATE VISIT TO JAPAN, BUT WE WAS SURE MARCOS WILL WANT TO SEE THEM. HE PERSONALLY HAS ADVISED MARCOS OF IMPORTANCE OF GIVING PRIVATE AUDIENCE TO HOLBROOKE. HE HAS ALSO URGED MARCOS AND IMELDA TO GIVE ROUSING SENDOFF TO AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN.

4. KOKOY PLANNING TO DEPART WASHINGTON FOR MANILA APRIL 11.
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